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MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Director for Science and Technology
THROUGH : Deputy Director for Administration
SUBJECT : Request for Compartmented Clearances for
Midcareer Classes

1. This memorandum contains a request to provide members of the Midcareer courses with selected compartmented clearances on an interim basis during the running of a course. A recommendation is contained in paragraph 6.

2. In late 1972, the Deputy Director for Science and Technology suggested that Directorate speakers discuss in general terms selected aspects of technical systems with members of the Midcareer Course. This move was in line with the efforts to provide a fuller picture of Agency activities and demonstrate candor and openness toward course members. In addition, certain programs were reaching the stage at which more consumers should be made aware of them, particularly as they involve a large proportion of the work of the Science and Technology Directorate and the information collected is used widely throughout the Community.

3. At the time these DDS&T presentations were expanded no formal clearance procedures were required. The speakers stressed to each class that they were being briefed on highly sensitive information which should not be discussed outside the classroom situation. We have no indication that these ground rules have been violated.

4. Early this year DDS&T speakers adopted a somewhat more restrictive interpretation of what information could be shared with Midcareer Course members. As a result, in two runnings of the course held since, the impact has been negative. In each class, several members already hold these clearances and are aware of the extent of information withheld; members of the most recent Mid-career class were critical of "lack of candor" by the

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DDS&T speakers. These restrictions also placed speakers in the uncomfortable position of either obviously talking around particular points or replying "no comment" to questions.

5. In addition to the SI and TKH clearances now issued to Midcareerists, we believe that clearing members for selected collection programs would enable the DDS&T speakers to be more effective in discussing the Directorate's work. The Agency would also benefit by exposing more of the potential consumers to these programs and the impact of impending systems. The additional clearances would be valid only for the duration of each course and would be validated by asking each class and staff member who does not already hold the clearances to sign briefing and debriefing statements.

6. Recommendation: That the Deputy Director for Science and Technology approve interim clearances for Midcareer class members to the [REDACTED] follow-on) 25X1D and [REDACTED], with access limited to the duration of the course, for members not already cleared for these 25X1D programs.

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